

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM
EMERGENCY HAYING AND GRAZING PLAN
FOR DESIGNATED 2006 DROUGHT COUNTIES

NAME: _____

CRP Contract #: _____

Tract: _____ Field(s): _____

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THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR EMERGENCY HAYING OR GRAZING OF CONSERVATION RESERVE FIELDS DURING THE JULY 24 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 PERIOD. 2006.

1. These practices are considered permissive uses of the Conservation Reserve Program contract acres. They are not an approved management activity, and are not intended to be used to maintain approved cover.
2. Acreage eligible for emergency haying and grazing includes acreage devoted to the following practices:
 - CP-1
 - CP-2
 - CP-4B, CP-4D
 - CP-10
 - CP-18C
 - CP-23 – **Haying these acres can not occur until August 2nd.**

Special Note: Acres planted to trees in CP- 4D or CP-23 cannot be hayed or grazed.

3. Land within an average of 100 feet of a permanent stream or lake will be excluded from harvest.
4. Haying OR grazing, **NOT BOTH** will be permitted.
5. Vegetative cover that is destroyed or damaged due to grazing or haying activities will be re-established by the landowner at no expense to the USDA.

6. HAYING PROVISIONS

Haying operations can start immediately (except CP- 23 acres are not available for haying until August 2nd);
no haying will be done after September 30, 2006.

Haying shall be limited to 1 cutting.

Three to four inches of stubble will be left after harvest.

All hay shall be removed from CRP fields by September 30, 2006.

At least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field will remain unharvested for wildlife cover and food.

7. GRAZING PROVISIONS

Recommended vegetation height to begin grazing is 8-10 inches for cool season species and 10-14 inches for warm season species (big bluestem, indiangrass).

Livestock will be removed from fields when the minimum stubble height is reached. Minimum stubble height is 3 to 4 inches for cool season species and 6 to 8 inches for warm season species.

At least 25% of each field will remain ungrazed for wildlife cover and food **or** entire field can be grazed but limited to two acres per 1 cow/calf pair (example: 160 acre field can have a maximum of 80 cows and 80 calves).

Grazing can begin immediately; no grazing allowed after September 30, 2006.

8. This haying/grazing plan is in effect until September 30, 2006 or otherwise cancelled, extended or amended by Farm Service Agency program authority.

Additional information or assistance is available from your local NRCS/SWCD office.

I have reviewed the plan and understand the requirements necessary to meet the intent of the plan.

LANOWNER Signature _____

Date _____

